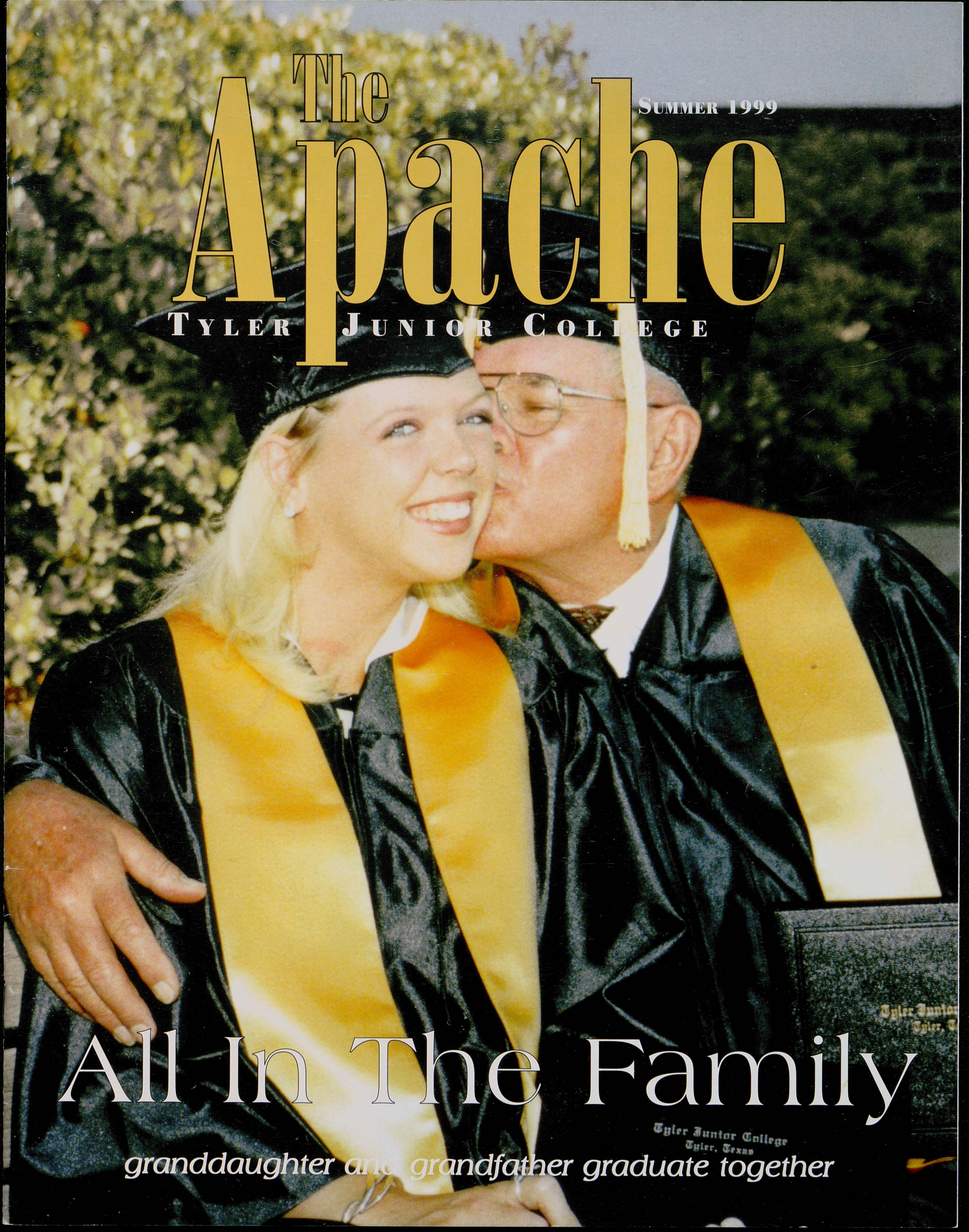
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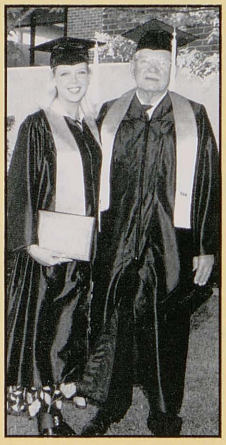

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In this issue ...

This is our summer 1999 issue and even though summer school and lots of vacations are happening, TJC is always busy and keeping in touch with our family and friends. By the time you receive this magazine, the College will be gearing up for a new school year. Don't fear—we'll have your fall 1999 issue coming to you right on this issue's heels! And that way you can make your Homecoming, back-to-school, and TJC sports plans right away.

This issue has some great stories in it. First is our interview with Dr. Bill Crowe, the President of Tyler Junior College. In this issue Dr. Crowe and I discuss how TJC, like other institutions in our culture, is working to assure that structures and procedures fit the new business and educational paradigms of the future.

There is also a touching story about a TJC coed and her grandfather, both of whom graduated with associates degrees this past May. It's a great example of how community colleges can meet the lifelong learning needs of all students, regardless of age.

Speaking of generations of TJC students and supporters, we also highlight how many have found ways to support TJC's internationally renowned Apache Belles. Some of the Belles followed in their mothers' foot—or rather, bootsteps.

We have another feature about a student, Catherine Starkey, who came back to school and found a real love for learning—and that was in her 60's! She has now concluded her "official" work toward her degrees, but Cathy is nowhere near done!

And we also highlight Dr. Manoucher Khoshrowshahi, an instructor who truly embodies the spirit of learning and achievement. Dr. K. has traveled the world over with students and faculty, has won grants and scholarships and is a Fulbright scholar. He brings a unique and fascinating perspective to the teaching of government at TJC.

Scan our departments pages—sports, alumni news, marriages, in memoriam, sports, and campus events. You'll see over and over the excellence of TJC lived out in so many ways.

We hope you're having a wonderful summer and that as school starts back, you'll be looking forward to the events on our gorgeous campus in our many distinguished and enriching classes, programs, and activities.

Rick Diamond

from the office of the PRESIDENT

ONGOING INNOVATION

Dr. Crowe talks about continuing efforts to make TJC's structures fit for the 21st century

Interview by Rick Diamond

There is a trend that is changing the culture in corporate America, one that has educational institutions following the lead of their business counterparts. It's the notion that less hierarchy may result in greater creativity and streamlined delivery of innovative processes.

TJC President Dr. William R. Crowe was an early adopter of the philosophy. Over his tenure at the helm he has endorsed a relatively "flat" management system to encourage more individuals to assume leadership roles in particular areas.

This model suggests that leaders should not ask permission to find a solution to a problem but should instead discuss and act directly in response to the issues and ideas as they arise.

I recently asked Dr. Crowe to discuss how these changes have affected the College administratively and academically.

Dr. Crowe: Well, at one time, there were four vice presidents; under them, there were instructional deans and other deans. Since I've been here, some of those positions were lost through attrition. Others were restructured. The question to ask in thinking about how to get our work done was always, 'Does this position and function make the College more efficient?' There are always layers, and even when good, capable people are or were in the deans' slots, the point must be to create an administrative structure that lets capable people do their work, whatever role they fill in our structure.

We found that pretty much all of the people in key positions were in good order; we didn't need a lot of supervision. We got bogged down in a bureaucratic morass sometimes, and that showed us where we needed to redirect our resources.

Some faculty and staff don't like this sort of consideration; it makes them uncomfortable. But the idea is to work toward a circular structure. We're trying to put everyone in touch with what they need to be enabled to do whatever they need to, in order to get the job done.

Let's say a problem or issue arises. The best thing to do is to have the people involved in the areas in which the problem or issue exists work together so that the thing they know best about can be dealt with. Too often in the past in corporate and educational structures, the most important question wasn't about how to fix a problem, but about whom we report to and how we can get permission to do the jobs we were hired to do.

Apache: What happens when this sort of structure is in place?

Dr. Crowe: A good system is fluid. People are not so constrained that they have to ask permission before talking to and working with other people involved in an area of concern. And our responsibility as administrators is to help to get the issue onto the table, and help to solve it. Any employee on our campus, but especially any administrator—I think the goal is to have a structure in which if he or she sees a problem, he or she can take steps to resolve it and find and share ideas and solutions with the rest of us.

Apache: This concept is being echoed in church and other businesses' structures as well; many churches are becoming or trying to become what one management guru has called "the permission-giving church." Permission to act on one's faith doesn't rest in the office of the senior pastor—each person, if we believe that we are all part of a church or other organization, can take the responsibility to act in ways that we think are what we're called to do.

Dr. Crowe: My experience in institutions is that so many people with such good ideas and hopes and solutions are stifled for having to ask permission to do their jobs. I want our structure to exist to enable people just to do their jobs well. We stifle creativity and imagination because our bureaucratic structures kill them.

We are a professional organization—90% of our employees are skilled, professional workers—and I don't' think they need someone hanging over them. The old kind of structure, the manufacturing structure that's been around for decades, says that the structure and the powers in charge of it have all the control. The one thing you have to do in that structure above just doing what you were hired to do is to make sure you get your supervisor's approval, and then you're okay. But that structure is just wrong for us.

Apache: How many administrative and instructional systems and structures at TJC have begun to live out this newer paradigm?

Dr. Crowe: Well, I think I can safely say that about one third are there now. More are getting there. It works in instructional systems better than in others at first. Faculty are self-maintaining, independent, and creative, so a more open system works well with them sooner.

It's an evolution. And we're talking about taking our people and procedures and pushing us all out on the ledge a bit.

A few of our newest programs are being created in these newer kinds of environments. The Scholars' Academy program wasn't created in a top-down structure. I boosted it a little, but it's in the hands of our faculty, which is where it should be. And in our new FAS-Track program, which is helping to set up an academic core that can make TJC more and more like the first two years at a really fine university—questions both about how to recruit some of our university-bound students and how to set it up so that they can do their two years' worth of work here in much less time—those programs are just coming up, and our faculty, who really are our experts on such matters, are the ones guiding the processes.

Apache: What is the ultimate goal of the restructuring work?

Dr. Crowe: Well, our core mission and purpose, at the center of every-

thing we do, is always, always students and what and how well they are learning. When everything serves that ultimate purpose, then it's easy to decide whether or how we should do something. How does it fit that purpose in as efficient and effective way as possible? Our deans exist to serve the College's work toward that goal. Everything else we do is in place to support that overall goal.

Apache: There is a growing sense in our culture that in management and corporate structures in the next generation, we will move away from the idea of one-employer or even one-job careers, to the concept that all workers will be their own advocates, freelancing from company to company and career track to career track. What is taking place in the classroom and in the College's structures to prepare students for that ever-emerging system of work and to reflect it?

Dr. Crowe: Once we've learned a way to get things done a certain way, it's hard to 'unlearn.' The old system has said that control comes from the top, and that everyone finds his or her place in what the top has created. But problem-resolution, whether in a career or in one specific project, shouldn't be a top-down issue. If we can prepare our students to deal with the challenges they will face directly—that is, if you see a problem or have an idea, you should be empowered to deal with it—then we will help them be the people who get things done and who have skills worth marketing.

Every issue that arises should be seen not as something that you have to find out what the policy says in order to deal with, but as an opportunity to dialogue, brainstorm, work with others, and find solutions for.

Higher education has become too specialized, too, and that's part of the problem. People get hunkered down in what they're safe in doing and feel they know, and to get them busted out of that security can be scary. But it's obviously the way that corporate America's workplace is going to be run. And if you can get people's eyes off job security in the short-run, you will prepare them for how they can achieve job security in the long run.

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—Dr. Bill Crowe

And the challenge is: How do you make people feel comfortable in an environment in which they are being pushed to innovate? You can't lean on them too hard, or you'll burn them up. But you can't just let things get too loose, because then it's easy to forget the mission and goals you're working toward.

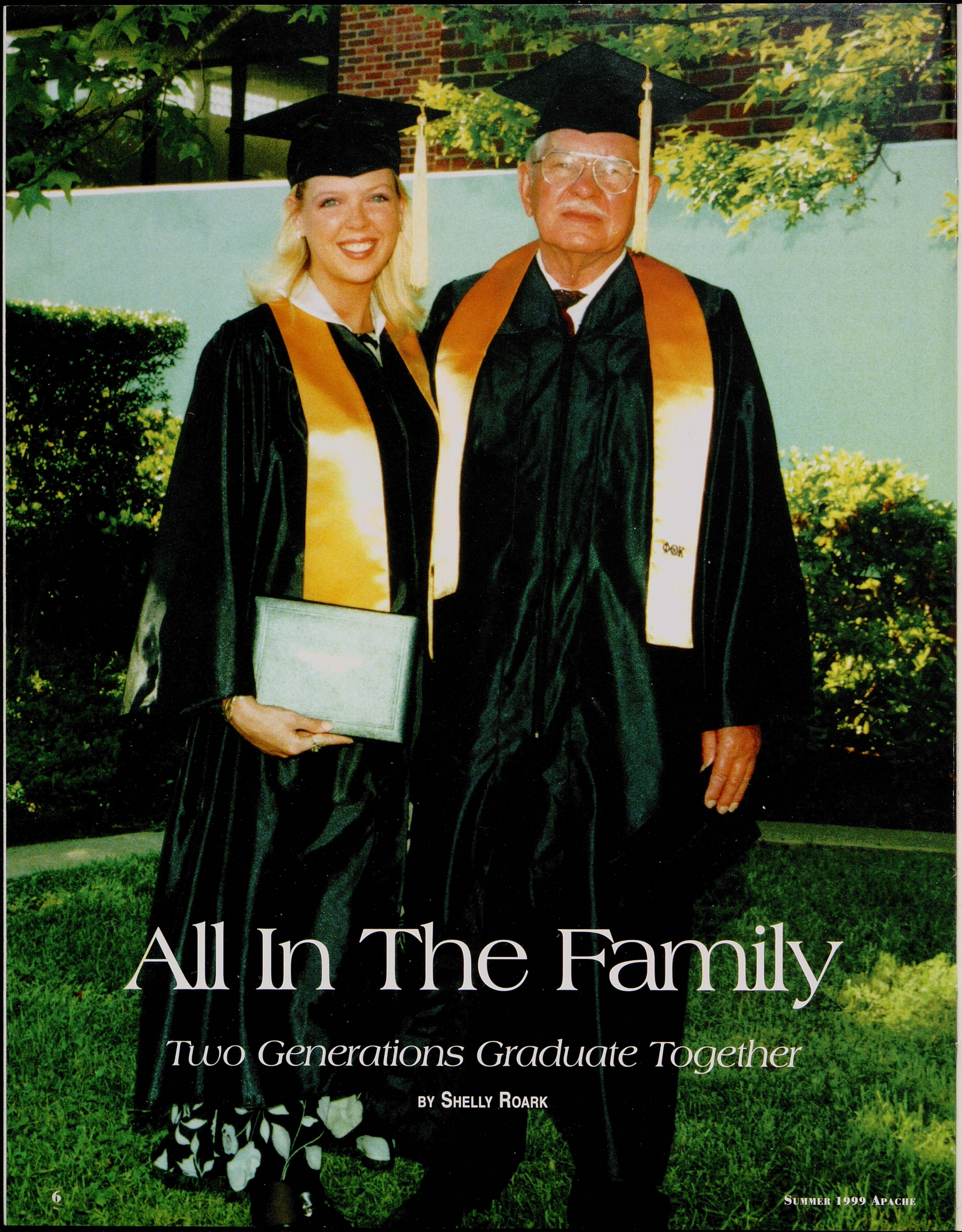
Apache: Many visionaries dealing with these issues say that it's important for supervisors and team managers to give people permission to innovate—and to let them make mistakes without being punished for being creative.

Dr. Crowe: Yes, we've got to give our people not just permission but encouragement to try new things. If something fails, we can learn from it.

It's important, too, that administration shouldn't just let everything go—we have a role to play in helping set direction and evaluate what we're all doing. The trick is to let go of control over a lot of things that don't need our over-supervision—scheduling, paperwork, communications—all of which our people can almost always handle themselves.

If you can get past those routine things being all that important, then you can focus your time and energy on finding innovative ways to meet our immediate and long-term goals.

We're getting better. It takes a while to get people to trust that the new ideas aren't dangerous, and to trust each other. Saying what the structure should be like and how we'll let people do their work is one thing; people will trust you when your actions match what you've said you believe in. And we're coming along.



All In The Family

Two Generations Graduate Together

BY SHELLY ROARK

grandfather & granddaughter

M. RAY THOMPSON
ASHLEY BURGESS

During her studies at Tyler Junior College, Ashley Burgess saw a lot of her grandfather, M. Ray Thompson. They often had lunch together; sometimes he helped her study in the school library and he always attended her Apache Belle performances.

Her friends and teachers knew him on campus by his boots and ever-present cowboy hat. Of course, many of them knew him as more than Burgess' grandfather. He was a fellow student.

And on May 8, Thompson replaced his trademark hat for a mortorboard and joined his granddaughter in walking across the stage as a 1999 TJC graduate.

These unlikely classmates exemplify the powerful magnetism of learning—for young and old alike. While Burgess is laying a foundation for life with education, Thompson is painting a fresh coat of optimism on life with his studies.

fam•i•ly (n.):
a group of people connected by common ancestry and bonded by love.

Just For Fun

Thompson was already known on campus when Burgess started as a full-time student in 1997. He had been attending classes off and on since his retirement from Kelly Springfield Tire Co. several years ago.

"After I retired, I decided to go back to school. I kind of eased into it," the 69-year old said. "I came back three or four years ago just to enhance my learning and rejuvenate my brain."

Thompson said he has enjoyed learning more in the past few years than on his first round of college more than 40 years ago. Thompson attended college in the mid-1950s as an engineering major at Texas A&I University and the University of Texas at Austin; but his studies were interrupted by health problems and family obligations.

"When I was younger, I didn't put the importance on learning," he said. "Now I make better grades and know what I'm coming for."

Literature was one of the pleasant surprises for Thompson on his return to college. "I bypassed world literature years ago and had to pick it up," he said.

"Where I didn't think I had a need for literature in the past, I know now the importance of it. It filled an empty spot in my life—to know great literature."

Also, Thompson said he thought computer classes were important to give a try. "Back in the Stone Age when I attended school there were no computers, so I had to pick that up."

With no intention on getting a degree, Thompson said he was just taking classes to learn—for fun. "I never planned on graduating, I was just taking classes," he said. Some other classes he enjoyed include Bible, speech, physical education and astronomy.

"My favorite subject was probably astronomy—stargazing. (Learning) all the things that make up the universe is interesting."

But when talking to a counselor, Thompson discovered he had almost accumulated enough classes to graduate with an associate's degree. He decided to take the remaining requirements and graduate with his granddaughter, who planned to finish with an associate's degree in spring 1999.

Family Ties

While working on their degrees, Burgess and her "papaw" crossed paths more than once on campus. "We eat lunch together at the Tri-C or the Baptist Student Ministry," Burgess said.

Although they never had the same classes, sometimes they studied together in the library or discussed schoolwork by telephone.

"I've helped him in computer lab and let him borrow some of my books," she said.

Burgess, a graduate of Chapel Hill High School, said she was happy to have her grandfather on campus. "He's friendly and knows everybody. He is really outgoing," she said. "That's probably where I get it."

An active student with extracurricular interests, Burgess seems to follow in her grandfather's footsteps. She served as Baptist Student Ministry president and Student Senate representative. And she was nominated for the Homecoming Court and named "Most Beautiful." She was also an Apache Belle for two years.

"He has always been so supportive," Burgess said of her grandfather. She said he attended all the games, performances and student functions—when not studying.

"He studies all the time," she said. "He just loves to learn."

The study time paid off. Both Burgess and Thompson graduated as members of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for junior and community colleges.

Thompson also has a busy schedule when not in class. He is a member of Whitehouse Church of Christ and enjoys hunting and fishing.

But his favorite pastime is keeping up with his four daughters and 13 grandchildren. "There are football games, basketball, baseball—something to do every night," he said.

On graduation day, Thompson's children and grandchildren returned the favor and all planned to attend.

"We are a very close family," said Gerald Tawana Burgess, Ashley's mom and Thompson's daughter. Two of his children also graduated from TJC. Ms. Burgess graduated in 1993 as a registered nurse.

> "Back in the Stone Age when I attended school there were no computers, so I had to pick that up."

Just a Starting Point

Burgess said she will continue to build upon her TJC education at Dallas Baptist University as a business major. Eventually, she wants to work in the mission field.

She first got a taste of missions as a camp counselor in Chicago. An active member of the youth group at Bethel Baptist, she has also worked in Oregon, Washington and Utah. This summer she will travel to Australia for a month of mission work with the state BSM. "It is so rewarding," she said.

Thompson said he enjoys studying so much, he plans to enroll at the University of Texas at Tyler in the fall to continue his education, probably in interdisciplinary studies.

Thompson said continuing education is important to keep the mind active and enhance your life.

For grandfather and granddaughter, the diploma signifies different goals and stages in life. One is a threshold, a building block for higher education and future career. The other, a badge of accomplishment for completion of a job started long ago.

Apache Belles: Generations

by Shelly Roark

Generations of Apache Belles, TJC friends and alumni, and proud wearers of the black and gold all help to support and cherish the Apache Belles.

As a little girl, Julie Patterson watched with wide-eyed wonder at the precision and grace of the ladies who high-stepped their way onto the football field at half-time of the Tyler Junior College football games.

Because her grandmother, Emma Lou Prater, was cheerleader director, the family often attended the games. But little Julie's attention was always riveted to the world-famous Apache Belles.

"My great grandmother made me a little Apache Belle uniform and sometimes I got to sit with them," she recalls. "I was fascinated. Ever since I was little, I wanted to be an Apache Belle."

Her ambition was reinforced when she

The Apache Belles, in front of the State Capitol, following the second inaugural parade for Gov. George W. Bush.

found out another Patterson had once worn the uniform of the TJC black and gold – her mother. Sherry Patterson was a Belle from 1968 to 1969.

With more than 50 years under belt, the TJC Apache Belle organization has been around long enough to see more than one generation of performers, said director Ruth Flynn.

A couple of these mother/daughter teams shared recently how the legacy was passed to the next generation.

Happi Deason, a Belle from 1992 to 1993, remembers as a little girl hearing stories from her mother, Susie Deason, about being an Apache Belle from 1965 to 1966.

Julie recalls seeing Belle photos "from a long time ago" and talking to her mother about how they did it in "the old days."

Both second generation Belles say they were happy to follow in their mothers' "dance steps."

Julie remembers feeling especially proud her first year as a member of the team in 1997. The organization was celebrating 50 years and alumni walked the rim with current Belles as part of homecoming festivities.

"It was cool knowing that I was walking the rim with my mom," she said.

The Deasons also participated in the golden anniversary and Mrs. Deason remembered what it was like to wear the uniform of an Apache Belle more than 30 years ago. She said the director then, Eva Saunders, placed a lot of emphasis on being ladylike.

Mrs. Deason remembers when the team played one Sunday in Dallas for a play-off game. "I hadn't missed Sunday School in seven years. So on the game day, my friend and I got up, put on our Belle uniforms, wore a raincoat over our uniforms and took a cab to church so I wouldn't mess up my record."

The director didn't mind as long as they were back in time for the game, she said. "I'm not sure what the people at the church thought."

She said the organization provided discipline and training. She also treasures some of the friendships made during that time.

Mrs. Patterson said the qualities that the girls come away

Happi Deason and brother "Doc"

with are very similar to those learned in her day. "I like the discipline. That helped her with the rest of her school life. And it is a lot of hard work."

> *"Ever since I was little, I always wanted to be an Apache Belle."*

Mrs. Deason said, "As a Belle, you come away with confidence, poise and a sense of commitment. Your behavior and character was of utmost importance then and still is."

But some things have changed. "They are more serious now about the level of dance ability," said Mrs. Deason, who had never been in a drill team before joining the Belles. "We had morning practice and some afternoons, but nothing like they do now."

Mrs. Patterson said costumes played a big role in their performances and they danced more as a team. "They have to have more athletic ability now and the classes are more geared to keeping fit."

Mrs. Deason and Mrs. Patterson say they are proud of their daughters for following their examples, even though they did not push it. The mothers admit both daughters probably would have joined the team anyway.

Julie and Happi were both taking dance lessons at age 3.

"Dancing is just her personality," said Mrs. Patterson of Julie, who was dance captain for 1998-1999. A graduate of Pine Tree High School, Julie was a member of the drill team from 10th through 12th grades.

Susie Deason

"It wasn't even a question. All through high school, I knew I was going to TJC because I wanted to be a Belle," Julie said.

For Happi, TJC was a family tradition. Her mother, father and brother all attended the school. Some of her fond memories at the school were made as a Belle. "Football season was always a rush. The first Saturday I went out on the field when they announced the Apache Belles and everybody cheered. That was exciting."

Julie Patterson with her mother, Sherry.

Julie said, "My favorite was performing at the football games. I loved looking up and the crowd is watching you."

Both dancers said traveling as ambassadors for Tyler and TJC was an important part of their college experience. Happi was part of the team that performed on the Capitol steps during the Cherry Blossom Festival of 1993, while Julie performed with the 1998–99 team at Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida.

Adopt-A-Belle

Ms. Flynn, director of the program since 1984, said travel is one of the benefits that attracts quality candidates for the dance and precision drill team.

"To be in this type of group in this day and age takes a very special individual. The young ladies must be very disciplined and have to really love that team atmosphere," she said. "They have to follow a lot of rules, a set of high expectations. We expect them to be quality people, not just quality dancers.

"We don't teach mediocrity in the dancing or in life. A lot of sweat and hours of rehearsal go into a little bit of (performance) time. I expect a lot out of them. In return they have a lot of pride in this group."

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> *—Ruth Flynn*

Ms. Flynn said the pride is worn as much as the uniform when the team represents the school on trips.

Trips in the past have included France, Mexico, Washington, New York, Florida and other cities throughout the United States.

"We are supposed to be the goodwill ambassadors for Tyler, the school and Texas and it is important that we do travel to keep the name out there," she said.

Ms. Flynn hopes to plan several trips for the Belles this year. Currently, the organization, with the help of its alumni group—Apache Belle Gold, is attempting to raise funds with the Adopt-A-Belle program.

Sherry Harwood, Apache Belle Gold president, said supporters can send a Belle on one trip for $300. Other donations are also accepted. The Belles correspond with their supporters while on the trip.

Mrs. Harwood said travel is among the benefits that build confidence in the students for success later in life, whether they continue dancing or not.

For Happi and Julie, leaving their dancing abilities when they left TJC was not an option. Happi graduated from Stephen F. Austin with a minor in dance. She majored in kinesiology and works as a physical education teacher at Gary Elementary in Tyler.

She said she uses her dancing abilities to expose her students to the unique form of art and exercise in dance. "Last year I got a grant for tap and taught my third graders how to tap dance. A lot of these kids would never get the chance to learn that.

Julie plans to teach dance as well. This fall, she will attend Sam Houston State University in Huntsville as an English major. "I am getting a teaching certificate so I can teach dance. I want to someday have a drill team and teach English in high school. I *will* continue to dance."

Lifelong learner

TJC graduate Cathy Starkey is—at age 77—in a class by herself

by Rick Diamond

Cathy Starkey has many scrapbooks that hold mementos of her courses, her assignments, publications in which she's had poems and writing printed and other materials that serve to remind her of her achievements at TJC and at The University of Texas at Tyler. She loves to show them to people who have an interest in her travels, writing and educational pursuits.

Her eyes twinkle with the fire and energy of someone half her age and yet many people half her age are already broken down and exhausted. But not this lady. She smiles and laughs and jokes, and the amazing thing beyond her activity for her age is that she has had knee surgeries and replacements—which, she says, just have given her ability to do more of the things she loves!

Her accent still reveals that she didn't come from around here. "My late husband chose to come to Texas," she begins, when she is asked how a Yankee like her ended up down here in the South. "All I could think of was armadillos and cockroaches," she says, "but it turned out fine after a while.

"That was thirteen years ago, when we retired here to Tyler.

"I grew up in New York. So to come here to this out-of-my-world culture was amazing."

Cathy was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1922 to a 'mixed marriage'—a Roman Catholic and a Protestant. She was taught early that the most important thing was simply to trust in God—as she says, "After all, we all worship the same Person."

She grew up and after high school, she met a young man named Walter. They met at a bowling alley in the basement of his church. They dated, and fell in love, and were married. Then, as young adults and newlyweds, Walter and Cathy faced World War II, and Walter served in the war. He had been working at a 5th Avenue store, and when he got home from the service, the store called and said that his job was still available, so he returned to it.

Cathy was working for American Airlines. They had a daughter, Susan, and shortly thereafter Walter decided to go to college on the G. I. Bill. He worked days and went to school at night, and finally earned his degree.

He and his growing family were transferred to suburban Detroit, where they lived until they retired to Tyler. Daughter Susan was to be joined by four other children—three in the next few years, and then, ten years later, a "surprise baby," Cathy calls him.

During the Korean conflict, their son Jack finished high school and went into the Air Force and ended up in Alaska; son George went into the Army and went to Germany. The girls, Susan and Barbara, got married and raised their families; the surprise baby, named Jim, went into the Air Force just as the Viet Nam conflict

Life

was arising, but he was only in the service for a brief time. Jim ended up getting a job in Detroit in the very same firm his father had been in, and then was transferred to Chicago.

As Walter was headed toward retirement, Cathy had gone back to work; the five kids were scattered all over from New Jersey to Troup, Texas, where son George and his family lived. George had been living in northern Michigan when a friend who had come down to Texas told George about the job opportunities here, so George and his wife and five children moved to Troup.

"Walt decided it'd have to be Texas," Cathy says regarding their plan for where to retire. "We moved here in July thirteen summers ago, and in August I decided to find out about how to come and take some courses, and so I met with Vickie Geisel in testing.

Why did she decide to come to college at her age?

"I've always associated with younger people and with people much smarter than I am, back when I was growing up and even today. And I always figured that if I have smart friends, I'll be smart, too. And anyway, everyone else in my family had their educations, so now it was MY turn to go to college!

Cathy and former TJC art instructor Charlene Perlewitz.

"In my case, my teachers often became my friends."

"I wanted to get on with my life. I believe in building on, adding to my life—and after age 65, that's a huge thing to do.

Starting off, Cathy took two courses. She loved doing her studies, and as well, hit it off with both teachers. "By the end of the semester, I had A's on my report card and also two dear friends!"

The next semester, Cathy took three courses, and then four the next, at which time she was named to the Dean's List. She became interested in journalism, which became her major, and she did a lot of writing.

"When I was still in Michigan, I wrote a song for Isiah Thomas, the athlete, to be used for a commercial for 'Say No To Drugs.' And they took pictures of me and all that stuff. I was telling this to my English teacher here at TJC one semester, Sarah Harrison, and she was so impressed—she acted like this was a big deal! She encouraged me so much. And I began to think that maybe this was a sign about what I should study."

Cathy took a humanities course with Jim Yancy and attended her first opera. She was hooked. "We saw 'Madame Butterfly'—not a bad way to be introduced to opera!"

At UTT, she took a biology travel course in Costa Rica, Spanish in Mexico, and drama in London. "I love travel, to begin with. I have NEVER, however, loved bugs and dissecting things. I had to have six hours of biology, but I worked it out to take a six-week course in Costa Rica, which counted for six hours of biology, and I knew that was for me! The travel fit in beautifully. The flora, the birds, all of it was wonderful.

"I've gotten to do a lot of things that would never have come my way. I traveled to Cuernavaca [Mexico] and lived in the home of a Spanish family. There were two boys, and of course their sport was soccer. We had soccer every night before and after dinner. And it's wonderful to see how other people see their children—it was a great learning experience for me.

"I went with Dr. Hatfield (at UTT) to London for a Shakespeare tour and we took a 48-hour side trip to Vienna. It was great.

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"In Mexico City we saw the original Ballet Folklorico, and they were very good. To see the whole thing in its entirety is breathtaking."

And all along, Cathy just continued studying and loving learning. She also continued writing.

Her work has been placed eight times in the TJC literary magazine, *The Touchstone.* She also was very involved with the English honors society at UTT, Sigma Tau Delta, and helped the group get their own literary publication started — and she named it, *The Laurel.* Her literary work has also been placed in other anthologies, as well as her writing in journalism which has been awarded and placed many times. Through her writing, she has acquired a *famous* friend, TJC alumna Sarah McClendon.

"I first wrote to Sarah when I started studying journalism," Cathy explains, "and even though she's gotten very old now, we have had a good correspondence over the years.

Cathy says, "I was just fortunate enough to hear about and get involved in the things that interested me. I feel like God was walking beside me."

And now that she's ending her formal education toward a degree, she says she feels sort of strange.

"I don't think I've ever spent thirteen years doing anything—being here and pursuing my education has been a major chunk of my life, and it's very hard to say goodbye to that." It has also been hard because her beloved Walt died earlier this year.

But Cathy is hardly DONE, even though she's finished with her work to earn her degrees. She mentions that she wants to learn more about—and encourage her children and grandchildren to find out about—signing or interpreting for hearing impaired people.

She also just wants young people to realize that there is more to our culture than what they experience today. "I think in terms of what's ahead for my grandchildren, and their views are SO different from mine. I wasn't part of the 'me-generation'—I was born in the Depression, which is the complete other side of the coin. It's still ingrained in me, the values we held—we were told not to throw anything away and that everything counts for something. The kids today—when something breaks, they say, 'Oh, I'll just get another one.' My mother and father would be rolling in their graves!

"My son George, who is building me a cottage to live in, says that he and his siblings were very influenced by my generation. But they themselves and their kids are all so busy; both parents work, and the workplace is so competitive, that they're all just so very tired. My husband worked for the same company for forty years, but it's not like that anymore. And it's a worry for me to see how hard everyone scrambles around.

"I think the younger people don't see that all their blessings come from God. With my generation, everything that is good, we thought always it came from God."

Cathy is proof enough that true blessings are in the hearts of those who are awake and alert and alive—and who keep giving themselves to the purposes that make a difference in the world around them.

As Cathy says, "I just think everyone can find something to believe in and to work for, like I did. Look what it did for me! I've had such a wonderful time." 🏛

Cathy on TJC graduation day.

Travel with

The Republic

of Turkey's ancient Roman ruins and mosaics are no stranger, nor are the Kingdom of Thailand's narrow coastal plains, the Caspian Sea of Iran nor the sacred shrines of Japan.

TJC's Dr. Manoucher Khosrowshahi has traveled the world to enrich the learning environment of his students with comparative studies in politics, culture, values and lifestyle.

The recipient of approximately $250,000 in federal grants since 1987, Khosrowshahi has logged more than 100,000 miles as the successful author and director of cultural studies grant proposals.

What he discovers he shares with his government classes and with fellow TJC instructors, contrasting the basis for human action and reaction.

His goal: to present governmental studies as a lesson in diversity and an exercise in self-discovery.

TJC Group at Ephesus, Spring 1999.

Is Dr. K.

Fulbright Scholar and TJC government instructor Dr. Manoucher Khosrowshahi has a passion for learning that often takes him beyond the classroom and into the schools, churches, museums and homes of other nations.

By Fred Peters

"If I were just to discuss America, (students) wouldn't know what else there is. So, I give examples from the countries I've been to. I show slides; I give anecdotes. ... It helps them to understand."

"Dr. K" also finds that travel makes an indelible mark on those who participate.

"When we go to another country, we do not learn just about that country, we learn also about ourselves, how much we have in our lives and what we value. I had one student who made the comment, 'I learned more about America in Turkey than I had learned here because I see what we have.' ... Sometimes things like clean water, we take for granted."

In addition to leading study tours of the Middle East and Thailand, Khosrowshahi has directed lecture series, provided commentary on Middle Eastern affairs to numerous TV news programs, lectured on Middle Eastern topics throughout Texas and is the founder and sole sponsor of TJC's annual International Day, a daylong celebration of the world's diversity.

His persistent pursuit of cultural learning opportunities has made him quite familiar with our nation's capital, too. Since 1995, he has been awarded three federal grants to fund travel-study for groups of educators and college students.

TJC Group at St. Sophia Istanbul

On June 1, Khosrowshahi and a group of 15 other educators from across the U.S. departed for the third of these, a five-week travel-study project in Turkey.

For Khosrowshahi, it is the third trip to Turkey in the past year. His first travel-study excursion to the region occurred in the summer of 1998, the result of an $88,000 Fulbright-Hays Group Project grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

A success, the experience inspired him to pursue a return to Turkey to explore seven regions with Biblical heritage. He organized a 10-day continuing education travel course and within months was guiding a group of 25 East Texans, including five TJC work colleagues, through Ephesus and Cappadocia.

"It is unprecedented for community colleges to receive (so many federal) grants, much less two in a row," said Dr. Linda Watkins, TJC dean of liberal and fine arts, upon award of Khosrowshahi's second Fulbright grant for travel study to Turkey.

It is also unusual for a grant author to be awarded renewal of a previously funded project. Khosrowshahi says the awards are the result of extensive planning and research.

"Obviously they see that there is some value in what we are doing," he said.

"To take 25 people and be responsible for their journey safe return is quite a chore," he said following the 10-day continuing education trip in March. "But, everybody had a good time and seemed to enjoy the trip. It was a very congenial group, and there was a lot of diversity, which adds to the learning experience. We had teenagers and a person 70 years old and every age in between."

Judging from their remarks upon return to the US, participants seemed to agree that the experience was not only an enjoyable vacation but a learning opportunity.

"What a wonderful experience!" wrote Dallas nurse Ella Clark after participating in the Spring Break trip. "I travel frequently and this excursion was one of the very best."

"(Khosrowshahi) is a fantastic guide and leader (with the instincts of a herd dog) who leaves no stone unturned to see that his group has a unique educational experience."

Said Richard Brooks Hardee of Flint: "The trip was well planned and well managed. ... Dr. Khosrowshahi's knowledge of the country, history, people, and culture helped to make the study tour a success."

Recognized as valedictorian in the master's study program at Tehran University in Iran in 1978, Khosrowshahi was awarded a scholarship to complete doctoral study at The University of

North Texas in Denton. Without hesitation, he came to the US, and very soon was serving as a UNT graduate instructor.

Prior to joining the TJC faculty in 1989, he taught at North Texas, Tarrant County Junior College, Texas College, The University of Texas at Arlington and UT Tyler.

During the past 15 years he has performed extensive field work in governmental and cultural studies in Turkey, Japan, Thailand, Iran and Mexico. He is fluent in English, Azari Turkish, Farsi and Arabic. He has been recognized as a Master Teacher by NISOD (the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development), is an active member of the Middle East Studies Association, the United States Middle East Outreach Council, the Middle East Institute and Texas Community College Teachers Association. He serves on the board of directors for the East Texas Council on World Affairs and is active with the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce and the International Education Committee of the North Texas Community and Junior College Consortium.

His colleagues at TJC and elsewhere marvel at his energy and commitment.

"I believe education is a way up and a way out," he said. "Teaching is giving—giving what I know, what I can do and what I believe in. I get a great deal of pleasure when I help my students to fulfill their dreams by enhancing their lives and spirits. I take responsibilities very seriously in educating students—the future leaders of our country."

Grant proposals like those submitted to the US Department of Education require months of planning and the heart to accept rejection. Once grants are awarded, the responsibility only increases.

After an award is extended, Khosrowshahi must recruit students who fit the profile submitted in the proposal; make travel arrangements; secure additional funding; assist with individual travel itinerary to Tyler; plan an extensive itinerary abroad; finalize academic syllabi and lecture and site visit arrangements; plan proper publicity; and host a two-day orientation in Tyler.

"I not only write the grant proposals but I also direct and execute the projects. My creative approach toward external funding opportunities is valuable for any academic environment with a tight budget," he said. "Through the grants, I go beyond the classroom and provide numerous opportunities for the students, faculty and the community to learn."

His Fulbright travel colleagues have included instructors from middle schools, high schools and colleges in 11 states. On his current excursion to Turkey, Dr. K is joined by TJC's Dr. Peter Jones, history instructor and men's soccer coach, and Dr. R. Stephen Krebbs, UT Tyler professor of philosophy and psychology.

"I see the benefits. The one trip I made to Thailand inspired me and I made the trip to Turkey and then had the opportunity to go back. Now, I am preparing to go back again," he said in March. "Now people ask me, 'Dr. K, when is your next trip? We want to go and we want members of our family to go.' That makes me feel good."

Following each study trip, Dr. K hosts seminars about his travel and infuses new information into his credit courses.

"I feel that I have been so beneficial to this community, to this college, and I enjoy that very much. The college has been great to me, I have had great support from the administration, the faculty, the students. I would argue that you make what you want to make, any place you go. I like it here and I believe I help to make a difference."

TJC Group at Topkapi Palace, Instanbul.

DEVELOPMENT

Perkins, Citizens 1st Bank Create Unique Scholarship Program

Seniors at Rusk High School have a new opportunity to continue their education, thanks to a scholarship program created by James Perkins, president of Citizens 1st Bank.

The scholarship program will provide five two-year scholarships worth a total of $5,000 each, to be used for study at Tyler Junior College.

The Citizens 1st Bank Scholarship program serves a dual purpose by honoring five past or present citizens of Rusk whose achievements have demonstrated "that being from East Texas is an advantage that can lead to great accomplishments," Perkins said.

Nominees for the program are provided to TJC by Rusk High School.

"This is really an outstanding example of a community business making a difference in the lives of the people it serves," said TJC President Dr. William R. Crowe. "We're excited to bring this opportunity to the students of Rusk High School and we're grateful to Citizens 1st Bank for making the program a reality."

The program begins in the Fall of 1999. When the Fall 2000 term begins, five new scholarships bearing the names of outstanding past or present Rusk residents will be available to RHS graduates of 2000.

Individuals honored in 1999 are: Dr. James Swink, chief of surgery at All Saints Hospital, Ft. Worth; Galveston County Sheriff Joe Max Taylor; Mrs. Birdie Jones, a retired Rusk business owner and assistant vice president of Citizens 1st Bank; R. G. Thompson, Jr., a long-time Rusk businessman and a member of the Citizens 1st Bank's Board of Directors; and Mrs. Lois Henry, a long-time Rusk school teacher.

Left to right (back row) Rusk Independent School District Superintendent Tony Murray, James Perkins, Dr. Bill Crowe and Jerry Thompson; (front row) Birdie Jones and Lois Henry.

Students selected to receive the Citizens 1st Bank scholarships for 1999–2000 may retain them for the 2000–2001 school year if sufficient academic progress is made.

Students selected for scholarships must maintain a full-time college credit class load (at least 12 hours). Funds are to be used for tuition, fees and books. The remaining funds will be distributed to the student on a monthly basis during long semesters (fall and spring).

Perkins said the program is an example for other business owners and philanthropists. Individuals interested in establishing a similar scholarship program in their community are urged to contact the TJC Foundation at 903–510–2520.

Mrs. Susan Walters (second from left) poses with Joe Shannon, instructor/director, life sciences, Dr. Lou Kuck, TJC dean of health and natural sciences, and her daughter-in-law, Josephine Coursey, biology instructor. Mrs. Walters was honored with a reception in May for the donation of funds used to purchase state-of-the art microbiology equipment for the labs in the Genecov Science Building.

Starnes Named Development Director

William David Starnes joined the TJC staff as director of development on July 12.

Starnes has served as director of resource development at Panola College the past two years. Prior to his work with Panola, Starnes served as director of university development at Texas Tech University, 1993–1997; as area director of development at Baylor University, 1987–1993; and as manager of customer service with Precision Microelectronics, Inc., of Richardson, 1985-1987.

He completed a bachelor's degree in marketing and management from Baylor University in 1980.

As director of development, Starnes will assume the duties previously provided by Dr. Ken Dance. Dance retired from TJC effective October 1, 1998, to become executive vice president at Howard Payne University in Brownwood.

"Providing scholarship funding is one way you can make a difference in people's lives," Starnes said. "I look forward to the scholarship endowment campaign and to seeking opportunities for new gifts to the college."

Sports

Chris Crutchfield Named Coach of Men's Basketball

Chris D. Crutchfield, assistant basketball coach the past two seasons, has been named head coach of the Apaches with the resignation of Kyle Keller, who has accepted an assistant coach position with Oklahoma State University.

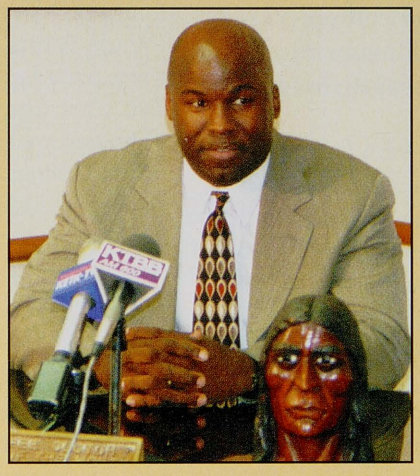
The announcement was made at a press conference at Wagstaff Gymnasium on May 21.

The Apaches were 17–14 in 1998–99 and 14–18 in 1997–98.

Crutchfield and Keller joined TJC in 1997 following their service as assistant coaches with the University of Texas at San Antonio.

A native of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, Crutchfield was named High School Receiver of the Decade in the state of Kentucky after three successful seasons with the Hopkinsville football team. He is the all-time leading receiver for Hopkinsville High School.

After high school, Crutchfield attended Anoka-Ramsey Community College in Coon Rapids, MN, where he played football and basketball. Following his studies at Anoka-Ramsey, he attended University of Nebraska at Omaha, where he completed a bachelor's degree while playing basketball and football. Following graduation in 1992, Crutchfield was named a member of the UNO football coaching staff.



In June of 1995, Crutchfield was hired to serve as assistant basketball coach at Nebraska-Omaha. In 1996, after a successful season with the UNO basketball squad and after completing a master's degree from UNO, Crutchfield left Nebraska to serve as an assistant basketball coach under Tim Carter at UTSA.

"We think Chris is the right choice," said TJC President Dr. William R. Crowe in announcing the decision. "Chris has been an excellent addition to our staff and has a great relationship with the players and the faculty and staff. He comes highly recommended and we look forward to having him as our men's head basketball coach."

Crutchfield said the move is "the best thing that's ever happened to me besides being born and getting married." Crutchfield and his wife, Jodi, have been married for five years. The couple is expecting their first child in October.

Jodi serves as academic retention specialist with TJC Support Services.

Crutchfield said the off-season has been very productive in recruiting and he looks forward to a successful season at Wagstaff Gymnasium.

"The last couple of years we have been eighth in our conference. We don't want to be eighth. That's not acceptable," said John Peterson, head tennis coach and director of intercollegiate athletics. "Chris Crutchfield is ready to be a head coach and I have all the confidence in the world in him and I'm glad our president and the rest of the community felt the same way. We will be a team to be reckoned with next year."

Fall Athletic Events

Meet the Apaches

Thursday, September 16, Wagstaff Gym, 5:30 p.m.

Meet the Apache football, men's soccer and ladies' volleyball teams.

Apache Backers' Tailgate Party

Saturday, October 9, 12:45–2:30 p.m.

Rose Stadium End Zone, Before the TJC-Cisco game

Join the Apache Backers for a pre-game meal!

Call 903–510–2627 for details.

NJCAA Extends Service Award to Long-time TJC Athletic Director

The National Junior College Athletic Association recently extended a Service Award to Dr. Billy Jack Doggett, who served as director of intercollegiate athletics at Tyler Junior College for 12 years.

Doggett was among three individuals so recognized during the NJCAA national meeting, April 7–10, at the Hyatt Regency Indianapolis-State Capitol, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Doggett was recognized because of his service to NJCAA national events and for his work as assistant director of the NJCAA's Region's XIV, a position he held for 10 years.

During his tenure as athletic director, Doggett helped secure national championship tournaments for Tyler in men's tennis, ladies' tennis and ladies' basketball. He directed six national men's tennis tournaments; two national ladies' tennis tournaments; eight national ladies' basketball tournaments; and 12 NJCAA sanctioned football bowl games, two of which decided national championships.

He also served on NJCAA tennis, football and drug abuse committees.

Doggett, who served as dean of health and kinesiology and director of intercollegiate athletics from 1984 to 1996, was inducted into the National Junior College Athletic Association's Men's Tennis Coaches' Hall of Fame in 1998.

Tyler-Hosted Tournament Decided by Final Match

The men's tennis team narrowly missed its sixth straight national championship on May 19 when TJC and the city of Tyler hosted the NJCAA Men's National Tennis Championship Tournament play in Division I, II and III.

The Apaches fell to Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College of Georgia, 4 points to 3 after a thrilling match between top seeds Marino Baghdati of TJC and Richard Evans of ABAC.

"We had chances to win this match," said John Peterson, TJC head tennis coach. "I'm proud of our guys. I hope those freshmen (watching ABAC celebrate) can use this as a tool to motivate them when times are though next year."

The Division II winner was Georgia Perimeter; the Division III winner was College of DuPage (IL).

"We had good crowds and good weather most of the time. I think we had a very successful tournament," Peterson said.

TJC will host the national tournament in 2000 and in 2001.

Players from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and TJC are introduced to the Tyler crowd prior to the NJCAA Division I National Championship Tournament's final round of play.

Former Apache Invites Tyler Youth to Mavericks' Game

Robert Pack, who played guard for the Apaches basketball team of the 1987–88 and 1988–89 seasons and now plays for the Dallas Mavericks of the NBA, invited 20 children from the Tyler YMCA to be his guests at a Mavericks game, April 17, against the Portland Trailblazers.

Pack played the final two years of his college career with the University of Southern California. He just completed his second season with the Mavericks following six seasons with the Denver Nuggets.

Ladies' Golf Team Claims 3rd Place in First National Tourney

The TJC ladies' golf team returned home from the NJCAA Women's Invitational Golf Championship on May 19 with the third-place trophy.

Play took place May 16–18 at The Golf Club at Wisp in McHenry, Maryland.

Wade White, TJC coach for men's and ladies' golf, said he was proud of his first-year team of Shelbie Allison, Cayla Carr, Sherry Roeder, and Mandy Holcomb.

The national tournament was hosted by Garrett Community College.

Roeder finished the tournament with a three-day total of 246, good enough to land her All-American honors.

Apache Football Schedule

Aug.	28	**Georgia Military College**, TBA
Sept.	4	Dixie College, St. George, UT, TBA
	18	***Blinn College**, 7 p.m.
	25	***Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College**, 7 p.m.
Oct.	2	*Navarro College, Corsicana, TX, 7 p.m.
	9	***Cisco College**, 3 p.m.
	16	*Ranger College, Ranger, TX, 3 p.m.
	23	***Trinity Valley Community College**, 3 p.m.†
	30	*Kilgore College, Kilgore, TX, TBA
Nov.	6	*Conference Playoffs
	13	*State Championships

**=Conference Game †=Homecoming*
Boldface type indicates home game at Rose Stadium.

Apache Ladies' Volleyball Schedule

Aug.	27-28	Navarro Tournament, Corsicana, TX, TBA
Sept.	3-4	Blinn Tournament, Brenham, TX, TBA
	10-11	Lee Tournament, Baytown, TX, TBA
	21	**Richland College**, 6 p.m.
Oct.	**1**	***Lon Morris College**, 7 p.m.
	4	* Navarro College, Corsicana, TX, 7 p.m.
	6	*Jacksonville College, Jacksonville, TX, 7 p.m.
	8-9	Collin County Tournament, Dallas, TBA
	13	***Panola College**, 7 p.m.
	15-16	Northwest-Shoals Tourney, Muscle Shoals, AL
	18	***Jacksonville College**, 7 p.m.
	20	*Lon Morris College, Jacksonville, TX, 7 p.m.
	25	*Panola College, Carthage, TX, 7 p.m.
	27	*Navarro College, Corsicana, TX, 7 p.m.
	29	*Jacksonville College, Jacksonville, TX, 7 p.m.
	30	*Navarro College, (Parents Night), 2 p.m.
Nov.	**1**	***Lon Morris College**, 7 p.m.
	5	***Panola College**, 7 p.m.
	12-13	*Region XIV Tournament

**=Conference Game*
Boldface type indicates home game at Wagstaff Gym

The Arts

Forensics Competitors Claim National Awards at Tournament

The TJC forensic team participated in the Pi Rho Phi national forensics competition, April 11-16, and returned with two bronze awards.

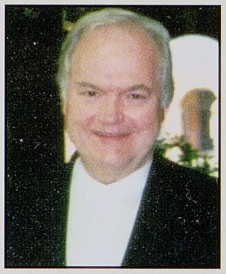
The competition was held in Milwaukee, WI, and included teams from 71 colleges and universities and approximately 400 students. Five TJC students participated in the competition. Attending were Anna Rigney, Julie Vela, Jaime Flores, Graylon Roberson, and Tiffany Gourley.

Winning Bronze awards were Jaime Flores, for Poetry Interpretation; and Graylon Roberson, for Prose Interpretation.

"These were two of the largest events at the competition, which makes these awards even more prestigious," said M'Liss Hindman, instructor of speech and theatre and TJC forensic coach. "All of the TJC students performed well, receiving Excellent and Superior ratings consistently."

Going into the competition, TJC was ranked 3rd in the nation among colleges and universities, a ranking determined by Pi Rho Phi, a national rules and regulating body for forensic competition.

National Opera Instructor Offers Insight to TJC Music Students



Vern Sutton, director of the opera program and instructor at the University of Minnesota, addressed TJC music and theatre classes during a visit to Tyler on January 25.

Sutton's appearance at TJC was arranged with the assistance of the East Texas Symphony Orchestra.

Sutton is a popular lecturer and program commentator. He has participated in the premieres of 17 operas, 9 song cycles and 3 oratorios and is noted for semi-staging or concert staging of operas.

He discussed singing and acting and answered questions of students majoring in theatre and music.

Joe Funke, owner and producer with Eclipse Entertainment, a Dallas based production company specializing in innovative themed events, speaks to speech/theater students about the opportunities available in less traditional venues of performance. Funke and an associate also conducted an audition workshop. Funke completed his studies at TJC in 1980 and went to work for Six Flags Over Texas.

Fall '99 Dramatic and Musical Events

August 27, 1999
TJC Apache Band Sneak Preview
Wise Auditorium, 7 p.m.

October 7–12, 1999
Journey's End
Jean Browne Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
(except for Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m.)

October 22, 1999
Campus Capers
Wise Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

November 4, 1999
TJC/UTT Instrumental Chamber Ensemble Recital
Braithwaite Hall, UTT, 7:30 p.m.

November 9, 1999
TJC/UTT Fall Band Concert
Vaughn Auditorium, UTT, 7:30 p.m.

November 11–12, 1999
Pops Concert
Wise Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

November 17–18, 1999
Chopin Poet of the Piano
Wise Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

December 2–7, 1999
Twelfth Night
Jean Browne Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
(except for Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m.)

December 3–5, 1999
The Nutcracker
Wise Auditorium, 8 p.m.
(except for Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.)

December 6, 1999
TJC/UTT Holiday Band Concert
Vaughn Auditorium, UTT, 7:30 p.m.

December 10–11, 1999
Madrigal Dinner
Rogers Student Center, Apache Rooms, 7 p.m.

For more information call 903–510–2249

On Campus

Pre-Med Student Becomes TJC's 6th All-USA First Teamer

In April, Jimmy Epperson, Jr., a sophomore pre-med major, became the sixth TJC student to be named a First Team All-USA Community and Junior College Academic Team member, a record for the awards program.

More than 1,400 nominees from community and junior colleges across the nation were considered.

The selection of Epperson brings the number of TJC students named to All-USA Community and Junior College Academic Teams since 1990 to 10, three of whom were Third Team members.

Epperson and his wife, Jo, attended the President's Breakfast honoring First Team members at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee.

"I am humbled to be considered with such great company," Epperson said. "It is an overwhelming feeling to be recognized this way."

Epperson, 39, previously worked as a hazardous materials expert, assisting police and fire departments with disposal of dangerous chemicals. His experiences before entering Tyler Junior College in 1996 included working with a bomb disposal unit with the U.S. Marines. In May 1997, he completed paramedic training at TJC, receiving advanced certifications in pediatric pre-hospital emergency support, basic trauma life support and advanced cardiac life support.

In addition to his full-time schedule as a student, Epperson taught skills courses in the TJC emergency medical technology program and served as a lead paramedic with East Texas Medical Center Emergency Medical Services.

He graduated from TJC in May with a 3.9 grade-point average. He hopes to enter the medical practice and specialize in high-risk obstetrics and perinatology, providing emergency care for mothers in labor and young children. He will be at least 48 years old by the time he finishes medical school.

He plans to attend Texas Tech University this fall.

Each of the 20 First Team selections received a trophy and a check for $2,500 from *USA TODAY*.

Epperson and his wife, Jo, pose with TJC's Judy Turman and Rod Risley, executive director of Phi Theta Kappa, following the President's breakfast and award ceremony.

Phi Theta Kappa Claims Regional, International Awards

Alpha Omicron members, alumni and sponsors pose with national awards.

Alpha Omicron, the 69-year-old TJC chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for students of two-year colleges, was awarded the Freeman Science Award during the 81st International Phi Theta Kappa Convention, April 28–May 1.

The announcement was made at the Anaheim Arena in California. More than 4,000 Phi Theta Kappa members, advisors, alumni and administrators gathered in Anaheim for the international convention, the largest assembly of community college honor students in the world.

The Freeman Science Award is bestowed annually to one college chapter from among more than 1,400 chapters worldwide. It recognizes excellence in a scholarly project in the area of science or behavioral science.

The winning project involved the accumulation and statistical analysis of survey results on the topic of happiness.

Cathryn Cates, TJC biology instructor and PTK sponsor, led the project.

Alpha Omicron returned from the international convention with other honors, too, including a Hallmark Leadership Award for its fifth-place international standing and recognition as 15th nationally in scholarship. The chapter's scrapbook was judged one of the top 10 in the country and Jimmy Epperson received an award (1 of 25 given internationally) as an outstanding officer.

During the regional convention, held in Austin, April 8–11, Alpha Omicron learned that two TJC students had been named to the Texas All-State Academic Team.

Epperson and Annette Pittman earned first-team status, which places them among the top 25 community college students in Texas.

The TJC chapter was also recognized as a Five-Star Chapter and received the top Regional Service Project Award for an Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week, a program organized by Epperson.

Surgical Technology Program Will Fill Area Medical Void

The College will unveil a new program to meet the growing demand of Tyler-area medical professionals.

Surgical technology is designed to prepare qualified persons to provide services in the surgical area under the supervision of the surgical supervisor. The program will begin in the fall with a maximum of 12 students.

Graduates of the program will be eligible to take the National Exam given by the Association of Surgical Technologists. Those who pass the exam become Certified Surgical Technologists.

"This is a new program designed to meet the needs of local health providers," said Dr. Lou Kuck, dean of health and natural sciences.

Enrollment to the program is limited. In addition to admission to TJC, a separate admissions process is followed.

Applicants with related allied health certifications or extensive science backgrounds will be given preference.

Instructor Plans September Trip to View Romanov Dynasty Exhibit

Rebecca Foster, instructor of sociology and psychology, has arranged a trip to Mobile, Alabama to view the Romanov Dynasty collection, an exhibit of nearly 700 objects from the State Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg and other Russian museums.

The dazzling imperial treasures are making a five-month tour of southern states.

Twenty rooms have been reserved for September 24 and 25. The group will return on September 26.

The total cost per person is $182.05, or $256.30 per couple, and includes a ticket to enter the museum, round-trip bus fare and two nights' stay in the choice of a single or double room. Advance payment is due August 1 to reserve a space. Contact Foster at 903–510–2278 for further information.

TJC Hosts Expanding Your Horizons for Seventh Year

More than 500 middle school girls from all over East Texas came to the TJC campus to see first-hand how math and science can improve their future by expanding their career choices.

The event was the annual Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Math Career Workshop, held April 17.

Women doctors, lawyers, and engineers were among the 43 mentors that explained their careers and the importance of enrolling in more than just the "basics."

"This gives them encouragement and awareness of how important it is to bring science and math into their worlds," said Snyder, a member of the TJC Board of Trustees and an annual EYH volunteer. "Science and math are not stressed to female students and without it, a lot of opportunities aren't available to them."

"We wanted to show these girls that they have all the opportunities their brothers have," said Ms. Cushman, past president of the Texas chapter of American Association of University Women. Cushman introduced the program to TJC in 1992.

"Boys can be kindergarten teachers and girls can be physicists!" she said.

Ann Snyder and Carol Cushman present Sarah Howland, a 6th grader at Bullard Middle School with the grand prize—a $1,000 check for her school to use for computer equipment or software.

Student Senate Officers Claim State Awards, Statewide Presidency

Officers of the TJC Student Senate attended the Texas Junior College Student Government Association convention in Austin during the spring semester and returned home with a number of honors, including being voted President School for the state of Texas.

The TJC contingent also won First Place in the Scrapbook Competition.

Other awards included a Third Place in Essay competition; and the "Most Spirited Region" award.

Officers attending the convention were: Amber Fox, sophomore, TJC Student Senate President; Marie Biggs, Vice-President; Natalie Roberson, Secretary; Kristi Wallace, President of Sophomore Class; Lindsay Wallace, Vice-President of Sophomore Class; Ron Hughes, Secretary of Sophomore Class; Tonya Player, Freshman Class President; April Martin, Freshman Class Vice-President; Taylor Sherman, Chimemaster; Nidia Arrellano, Pointkeeper; and Brandi McGowen, Historian. Officers who contributed to the year's projects but who did not attend the convention were Hillary Norris, Secretary; Jeremy Fout, Sergeant at Arms; and Chris Drake, Parliamentarian.

John Nguyen, Cheerleader representative, attended the convention and was credited with design concepts for the 1998–99 Scrapbook.

The TJC District Board of Trustees congratulated officers during the May Board meeting.

Faculty/Staff Briefs

Eight TJC instructors were among approximately 1,000 Excellence Awards recipients recognized at the annual conference of the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development, May 23–26, in Austin.

The NISOD Excellence Awards program was established to encourage individual colleges to recognize and celebrate their finest teachers at home and in an international arena.

Recipients are presented with a specially cast, pewter teaching medallions and are identified in the annual awards booklet.

Representing TJC were **Jane K. Brach**, instructor, biology; **Ken Craver**, instructor, computer science; **Dr. Lynn D. Gray**, instructor, biology; **Ronald G. Hancock**, instructor/director, industrial trades; **Linda S. Owens**, instructor, vocational nurse education; **Joe F. Shannon**, instructor/director, biology and environmental sciences; **Deborah Welch**, instructor, business and management; and **Patti M. Williams**, instructor, surveying.

Created in 1978 with initial grants from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and the Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education, the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) is a non-profit, tax-exempt consortium of colleges and universities who share a philosophical commitment to support excellence in teaching and learning.

NISOD is the outreach organization of the Community College Leadership Program in the Department of Educational Administration, College of Education, The University of Texas at Austin. NISOD grew out of research and development activities of this doctoral-level leadership program and is now its primary connection with teachers in the field.

NISOD's activities and programs are based on the premise that teaching excellence is a result of concerned and focused leadership, increased awareness and use of adult learning principles, and a profound commitment to students.

Kuck Named Health Leadership Member

Dr. Lou Ann Kuck, dean of health and natural sciences, was one of 29 health professionals selected to participate in the second Coalition for Allied Health Leadership.

The national initiative is supported by a grant from the Bureau of Health Professions, Department of Health and Human Services, and sponsored by the Health Professions Network, the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions, and the National Network of Health Career Programs in Two-Year Colleges.

The Coalition for Allied Health Leadership hosted its first conference, April 7–10, in Washington, DC. Participation in the program requires interim projects that will advance allied health initiatives. The second conference will take place September 15–18.

Dr. Linda Watkins, dean, liberal and fine arts, was recently appointed to serve as chair of a North Texas Community and Junior College Consortium review and planning team to develop a detailed set of recommendations for a proposed Administrators Institute.

John Peterson, director, intercollegiate athletics/men's and women's tennis coach, was featured in an article in *College Tennis Weekly* on February 8.

Chris Smith, instructor/director human services: substance abuse counselor option, was recently invited to serve on a state-wide strategic planning committee to develop and coordinate training and services among the various state and private substance abuse and mental health service providers. The committee will focus on training and services to the dually diagnosed, persons who have both a psychiatric and a substance abuse or dependency disorder.

Dr. Judy Barnes, instructor, reading/Success Oriented Studies/director, interpreter training, was recently certified as a Level II interpreter.

Richard Minter, dean, program development and institutional research, served on a SACS site visit team to review Northwest Shoals Community College. Minter's assigned study areas were undergraduate completion requirements, faculty qualifications, part-time faculty, and technical and vocational programs.

Amy Glenn, instructor, government and economics, and her father, **Frank Glenn**, adjunct psychology instructor, were inducted into Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society in education. Both are members of the Zeta Mu Chapter at TAMU-Commerce.

Dr. Mickey Slimp, dean of learning resources, is co-author of a new release from the Instructional Telecommunications Council, published in June.

Digital Video: A Handbook for Educators is designed to help educators understand digital video equipment and applications so they can make intelligent decisions concerning the selection of distance learning technologies.

Digital video has expanded distance learning horizons exponentially and provides educators with economical communications tools that were unavailable in analog video systems.

The 145-page handbook is written for a general educational audience and provides an easy-to-read explanation of digital technologies in a non-technical format.

Co-authors were Steven Zahn, Waubonsee Community College, Don Jones, Alaska Public Broadcasting, and others.

Dr. Bob Peters, instructor of history and government, director of social sciences, and coordinator of liberal and fine arts distance learning and the new FAS-Track program, now has another title. Peters was named to the Texas Commission for the Blind by Gov. George W. Bush. He replaces the late Carolyn Marie Garrett of Houston. His term will expire in 2005.

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Ex-Cheerleaders Plan '99 Homecoming Reunion

Former TJC cheerleaders met this summer at the home of former cheerleader sponsor Emma Lou Prater and began making plans for an Apache Cheerleader reunion to be held on Homecoming day, Saturday, October 23.

"Flyers were sent in May to the Ex-Cheerleaders who we have current addresses for, but we still need good addresses for many," said Emma Lou. "It is going to be a great day and we want to try to reach all the former cheerleaders we can."

Committee members include: Gipsy Schneider (60's); Penny Davison, Kathleen Duff, and Susan Garrison (70's); and Daryl Butler, Dana Child, and Angie Thomas (80's).

If you are a former Apache cheerleader, or know one who has not been contacted, please call Emma Lou Prater at (903) 581–0049 or Betty Briggs at (903) 510–2371 or 1–800–687–5680. Final plans will be made this summer and more information will be available in September.

Cheerleader Reunion Committee Meeting: Pictured: Susan (Snavely) Garrison, Dana (Pennington) Child, Emma Lou (Wyatt) Prater, Daryl Butler, Kathleen (Osburn) Duff, Penny (Portwood) Davison, and Maxene Robinson.

Manhattan Las Mascaras Holds Meeting

The Manhattan chapter of the TJC Las Mascaras Alumni Association held its second meeting in June.

Dr. David Crawford, speech/theatre director, and Clarence Strickland, speech/theatre instructor, met with Wendy Trop Strauss, Brandon Beach, Chris Irwin, and Paul Dudec at "Barrymore's." They spent the morning with Terry Gipson, designer for Viacom's Nickelodeon Network. David Wrenn provided a tour of "The Player's Club," a famous actors' and socialites' club.

The group dined that evening with Donna Bullock and watched her lead performance in the Broadway hit, "Ragtime." After the show, they met her backstage and had a tour of the theatre.

John Moon, who is up for a role in "Les Miserables", gave them a tour of "Theatre Row"and they spent an afternoon with Brandon Beach striking a set at the "Roundabout Theatre." They also met bank exec Mark Rogers at the "Marriot Marquis" and with alumni member Pam Beddoe Smith.

TJC AA Board of Directors Announces Honorees

The 1999 Alumni Association Awards Luncheon will be held on October 23. This year's award recipients are:

- **Dr. Marjorie Ferrell Roper**, Distinguished Alumni Award. This award is the most prestigious award given by the Alumni Association. It recognizes a former student for distinguished professional achievement and distinctive contributions to society.
- **Joetta and Cecil Roach**, Black and Gold Award. This award recognizes outstanding devotion to Tyler Junior College through volunteerism of time and effort to promote the mission and goals of the College.
- **Linda Cross**, Apache Spirit Award. This award recognizes a person for spirit and motivation through the contributions of time and energy to a program or activity which measurably benefits Tyler Junior College.
- **Judge Leonard Hoffman**, Outstanding Public Service Award. This award recognizes a former student of Tyler Junior College who has served or currently serves in an elected or appointed local, state or national office. The recipient of the award has made significant contributions to society by selfless dedication to public service.
- **Blair Blackburn** and **Donna Bullock**, the Valuable Young Alumni Award. This award recognizes an individual of integrity and stature for distinguished achievement in a business, profession or life work or service to Tyler. (Recipients must not have reached their 45th birthday by January of the year presented.)

There will be a reception for all Alumni on the third floor of the White Administrative Services Building beginning at 10:30 a.m. The luncheon to honor recipients will be held in the Apache Rooms, beginning at 11:30 a.m. and the Homecoming game, at Rose Stadium, begins at 3 p.m.

Alumni Association Selects Annual Scholarship Recipient

The 1999 Alumni Association $500 Annual Scholarship was presented to Chassity Rae Durham. Chassity is the daughter of AA Lifetime member, Sherri Durham and graduated with a 90.4 G.P.A. from Van High School. She was an active member in a number of organizations including: Key Club, 4-H, FFA, Business Professionals of America, and PRIDE.

Chassity will be an agriculture major at TJC this fall. After graduation, she plans to continue her studies at Texas Tech University.

Class Notes

1948

☆ **Ray Tunnell**, Dallas, generously donated his 1948 Apache yearbook to the Alumni Association for our collection of past editions.

1951

✪ **Margaret Jane McElmurry** generously donated her 1950 yearbook to our alumni collection.

☆ **Shirley (Brown)** and **Travis "Speedy" A. Pinkerton** (50) are retired and loving it. Speedy was an oil scout with Amoco Corporation. While at TJC, Shirley was a cheerleader, an Apache Belle and a member of Sans Souci Sorority.

☆ **Jesse Jay Wade** thoughtfully donated his 1951 and 1952 yearbooks to the Alumni collection.

1952

☆ **Shirley and Leroy Mallory** (55) are thoroughly enjoying their recent retirement. Shirley, a former Apache Belle and current member of the Alumni Association, has generously donated **Patsy Goldwater Lewis'** (50) yearbooks, editions: 1968, '69, '70, '71, '72, '74 and '75 to our alumni collection!

1954

✪ **Jackie (Jackson) McDonald**, retired proprietor of McDonald Farms Campground, and her daughter, **Ruth Barnett** (83), just returned from a trip to London where they ran into **Ross Love, Jr.** (94). Small world!

1960

✪ **Don R. Murphy** and wife, Sharon, retired from Grand Prairie Schools in June 1996. He served 32 years as a teacher, coach and athletic director. They have two children and one grandson, Gunter Michael, who was born July 19, 1998.

1966

Tim D. Taylor is vice president of operations for SOCO International in London, England. He is married to **Barbara Sartain Taylor** (81), and they live in Guildford, Surrey, England.

1967

☆ **Theresa J. Edwards Ford** is returning to finish her masters degree in industrial/organizational psychology at Louisiana Tech University. She and her husband, Danny have been married 21 years. He is employed by Hunt Oil Company in Yemen. While at TJC, she was a member of the Apache Belles and the choir. She also participated in musicals and pageants. The Fords have three children, Ryan, Cody and Jordan.

1971

☆ **Barbara Florey Sandlin** and husband Stephen live in Miamisburg, OH with their children Jeannine and Jeffrey. Barbara majored in dental hygiene and was a member of the Student Senate at TJC.

☆ **Pamela Beddoe Smith** and husband Bob are adopting their second child from China. Their three-year-old, Elizabeth, came to them on her first birthday, and they expect to travel to China to pick up a sister for her sometime in August or September. Pam earned her degree in fashion merchandising from The University of Houston and after working as a retail buyer, she is now a full-time mom. While at TJC, Pam was a member of Las Mascaras. The family lives in Kinnelon, NJ.

1974

Deborah Essary Cook was honored at the Texas A&M University–Commerce 47th Annual Honors Day luncheon. Deborah was recognized for her outstanding achievements in the counselor education program. She received four awards including *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities* and Outstanding Doctoral Student by the Doctoral Student Association of Texas A&M University–Commerce. Deborah also received the Doctoral Student Association Competitive Scholarship as well as an award for Outstanding Member of Chi Sigma Iota.

1978

Carolyn Todd, principal of Lindale Primary School, was named Citizen of the Year by the Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce.

1979

☆ **Gary D. Arnold** is the national product manager for Bank One, Corp in Columbus, OH. He and his wife Jennifer live in Dublin, OH, with their three children Abby, Tim and Sam.

1982

☆ **Ben Roberts**, after 10 years in New York acting, directing, producing and teaching (and waiting tables, too), has been performing his one-man show, "A Clown, A Hammer, A Bomb &God." With over 50 performances behind him, he will begin a European tour in May.

1983

✪ **Carl Edward Shotts** is the network administrator at Tyler Junior College. He completed his bachelor's degree at Southern Arkansas University in 1987. He is married to **Holly** (82) and they have one child, Carly.

1984

Mark Morman recently received the annual dissertation award at the San Francisco ICA/NCA conference. Mark is on the faculty at Baylor University.

1985

Dawn Forman is a dental assistant in Santo. She is married and has two children.

Chris Reedy and wife Angie live in Rowlett with their two children Michael and Conner. Chris owns a sound system company.

1986

☆ **Billy Wayne Slaughter, Jr.** was recently named one of the 100 selected for the Chairman's Club of Delta Air Lines. Billy is formerly from Troup.

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1987

Cheryl Phinny Minnotti married recently and is living in Houston. While at TJC she was the College's first All-USA Community and Junior College Academic Team First Team selection.

Melanie Power Wick is a pediatrician in Laramie, WY. She is married to Jeff Wick, an ophthalmologist.

1988

Niki Forsyth Akin is a dental hygienist. She and her husband live in Longview.

1989

Sheree Denise Crawford Collins graduated from Texas A&M University in August 1995. She is currently enrolled in the MBA Engineering program at the The University of Dallas. Sheree plans to graduate in July.

Marv Harman, Jr. is a CPA and an administrator for Rose Heights Church of God in Tyler. He and his wife Elisabeth, an RN at the Tyler Cancer Center, live in Flint.

☆ **Julie Green Jordan**, former Apache Belle, is teaching in Gilmer Independent School District. Husband **Mark Jordan** (86) owns the Jordan Water Well Service. They have two children, Austin, 5 and Amber 20 months old. The family lives in Hawkins.

☆ **Diane Setter Tabor** and husband Derek, work for Delta Air Lines and were transferred to Atlanta in September. She is a flight attendant, and he is a pilot. At TJC, Diane was in the tennis tech program. After finishing a degree in ophtalmic dispensing, Diane graduated with a degree in history from the The University of Texas at Dallas.

1990

Tenia K. Barrington is accounts manager for Garden of Health in Jacksonville. She has a new granddaughter, Carleigh Grea Matthews.

1992

☆ **Ariana Vierkant Cunningham** was a Presidential Scholar and graduated summa cum laude from The University of Texas at Tyler. She earned her M.D. degree at Texas A&M College of Medicine in 1998 and is attending an ophthalmology residency at Scott and White Memorial Hospital in Temple.

1994

✪ **Jan Hugghins Adams** is enjoying her job as special populations/outreach counselor in Support Services at TJC. After earning her AA at the College, she graduated from The University of Texas at Tyler with a BBA degree. While at TJC, Jan was a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She and her husband Jerry have three children Joni, 20; Angela, 18; and Justin, 12.

Rob Shepherd is an associate producer with Human Code, Inc. in Austin. While at TJC, he participated in the Concert Chorus, Chamber Singers, Harmony and Understanding, and various musicals and other performance avenues.

☆ **Jared Lee Weinbrenner** completed his bachelor and masters degrees at Ambassador University after attending TJC and receiving his AA in engineering. While at TJC, he was a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Jared now lives in Dallas and works for Electronic Data Systems.

1996

☆ **Adelaida Chapa McCalister** and husband, Zac, expect their first child in May. Adelaida is employed at Austin Bank of Rusk in the loan department. The couple live in Rusk.

1997

Donna Gordon will graduate from Southern Methodist University with a BA degree in biological sciences and psychology. She will attend Baylor College of Dentistry in the fall.

✪ **Keith Eric Tate** and wife **Kay** live in Tyler where Keith, a TJC lab technician, is completing a degree at The University of Texas at Tyler. Kay is completing her studies at TJC. They have two sons, Eric and Brian.

☆ **Moriah Vierkant** received an internship with the Houston Astros Baseball club in the media relations department for the 1999 season.

1998

☆ **Bobbie Jo Freeman** married Mark Tilley on August 5, 1998. She received the TJC Presidential Scholarship to Baylor University in the summer of 1998 and was on the Dean's List at Baylor University for fall of 1998.

✪ **Vincent Nguyen** is a staff technician in the TJC Student Activities Office. He was a U.S. Olympic team trial finalist in Tae Kwondo. As a student, he was a member of the Student Senate, a cheerleader and a member of TKD club.

1999

Michelle Seger Wilson is a student at Stephen F. Austin State University. She and her husband live in Longview with their children Erica, 16, and Leslie, 13.

Missing Yearbooks

The Alumni Association is trying to establish our own library of Apache Yearbooks. We need the following editions:

- 1929 through 1947
- 1949 and 1950
- 1953 through 1957
- 1960 through 1967
- 1975
- 1979 through 1982

If you would like to donate your yearbook, please contact Betty Briggs, 903–510–2371, 1–800–687–5680 or mail to:

Alumni Relations
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Marriages

Deanna Lynn Starks and Derry Hinton, Jacksonville

Tammy D. Metcalf and **Michael K. Gromatzky**, Tyler

Misty Putman and **Floyd Line**, Chapel Hill

Carla Thompson and Edwin Barsachs, Jr., Dallas

1977

Marty Messer Yost and **Mark Thomas Benton**, Tyler

1981

Vicki Jewel Meredith and **John Michael Cranfill**, Tyler

1984

Kathryn LaJoyce Caldwell and **Brant Isaac Cooper** (89), Tyler.

1987

Deborah Annette Jones and **Anthony McCain**, Gilmer

1988

Tina Kay Bisco and Luis Antonio Trujillo, Irving.

Sheri DeAnn Nick and **Bobby Lee Perry**, (81) Tyler

Toni Cox and **Shane Tucker**, Chandler

Christine Moch and Jay Knight, Tyler

Kim Lowry Dyess and **Ronnie Berryhill**, Tyler

Kristina Lynn North and Earl D'Wayne Loosier, Brownsboro

Dana Michele Fears and Samuel Bruce Eberlan, Tahoe, CA

1989

Janice Marie Shaddox and **Robert Edward Lee**, Tyler.

Rosalyn Scott and **Cedric Sharpe**, Tyler.

Tammy Wynett Outland and Richard Allen Harrold, Tyler

Sharon Elizabeth Whitney and **Jeffrey Don Cates**, (80) Tyler

Heather Aynne Bizzell and **Bryan Douglas Ramsey**, Poyner

Andrea Irene Martin and **Brandon Trace Steele**, (96) Tyler

1990

Kelly Lynn Jackson and **Michael Jonathan Dwyer**, Tyler

Gena McKamie and **Darren Phillips**, Tyler

Tommie Bennett and **Scott Hines**, Tyler

1991

April Dawn Faurot and **Robert Allen Parker**, Tyler

Kimberly Lowry Dyess and **Ronnie Berryhill** (97), Las Vegas, NV

Jennifer Lynn Slaten and Jason Anthony Blakeney, Hattiesburg, MS

1992

Alecia D. Powell and Corey D. Blaylock, Tyler

Susan Delafield and Mark Wylie, Mineola

La Vaisha LaDonna Caldwell and Kenneth Culbreth, Tyler

Melanie Johnson and Roderick Dunn, Tyler

Holly Annette Stelter and Michael Scott Pickett, Tyler

Rebecca E. Hernandez and Joe Alejandro, Tyler

1993

Melissa D. Wayne and Ralph Buckingham, Tyler.

Donna Elaine Utz and Arthur William Head, Ocho Rios, Jamaica.

Dawn Taylor and Bobby Thorpe, Tyler

Dorothy Victoria James and Ronnie Jack Whitting, Tyler

Jamie Hedge and **David Busby** (97) Tyler

Jennifer Kaye Reeves and **Christopher Michael French**, Whitehouse

Christie Lynn Ryan and **Ezequiel Ramirez, Jr.** , Tyler

April Dawn Sauer and Lain Carey Bryden, Fort Lauderdale Beach, FL

Carrie Michelle Davis and **Jason Dudley Parker**, Tyler

Deleta Yvette Dews and **Oliver Hall**, Tyler

Susan Leigh Rice and Homer Alen Dickey, Tyler

Erin Taylor Mullins and Michael Glenn Lavender, Tyler

1994

Georgia L. Davis and Jerry L. Pugh II, Palestine.

Salena D'Shaun Sewell and **Shannon Michael Streenz**, Lindale

Christy Milner and Jeff Dozier, Winona

DeAnn Davis and **Travis Tucker**, Chandler

Jennifer Kristeena Price and Brian Clifton Runnels, Tyler

Amanda Rachel Reedy and **Brian Phillip Turner**, Tyler

Melissa Leigh Surratt and **Forrest Glenn Manning** (92), Lindale

Rebecca E. Hernandez and Joe Alejandro, Tyler

Kelli Newman and **Brian Thedford**, Tyler.

1995

Julie Suzanne Wright and **Toby Dale Simpson** (90), Tyler.

Linsey Michelle Ellison and **Jay Brandon Taylor**, Missouri City

Natalie Lynn Stevens and **Troy Edward Long**, Lindale

Angela Henderson and **William Wyatt Miller** (88), Tyler

Christine Margaret Leif and **Micah Ryan Davis**, San Diego, CA

Donna L. Smith and James Cyril Bennet, Tyler

Wendy L. Smith and Dennis W. Collier, New Chapel Hill

Emma Alana Lanier and **Shawn Paul Montandon**, Tyler

1996

Tamara Hopkins and **Gerard Madore,** Whitehouse.

Shannon Renee Tate and **Aaron Scott Smith**, Tyler

Valerie Sturgess and Jonathan Strauss, Tyler

November Marie Durland and Brandon Lane Roberts, Tyler

Tiffany Mason and **Dennis Bland** (93), Tyler

Holly Annette Stelter and Michael Scott Pickett, Tyler

Stefani A. Stephens and Chad E. Kersey, Tyler

Laurie Rockett and **Thomas Burkhalter** (92), Tyler

Joanna Lynn Veazey and **Jonathan Ray Lewis** (97), Tyler

Katherine Hope Luther and Steven Dinger, Tyler

1997

Deborah Lynn Williams and Ryan Todd Buckley, Tyler.

Mandy Linnette McLain and **Jeremy Michael Robertson**, (96)Tyler

Ami Renee Shaw and George Nathan Steich, Winona

Traci Michelle Griffin and **James Nicholas Akin** (95), Whitehouse

Karla S. Spier and **Alan D. Harmon**, Gresham

Chasity Hope Murray and Jason Claude Newport, Chandler

Daphanie Acker and **Cody Crawford** (95), Tyler

Jacquelyn Herron and Gary Alan Hinshaw, Jr., Tyler

Joni Lee Rabe and **Kevin Eugene Proctor** (96), Tyler

Jessica L. Ackerson and Brant L. Cunningham, Tyler

Evelyn M. Hall and Byron K. Oliver, Tyler

1998

Rindi Rene Etheredge and Jared Michael Malone, Tyler

Sandra Garcia and Elvis Andrade, Tyler

Krista Michelle Offutt and Christopher Glenn Hearon, Lindale

Rachel Lauren Damron and **John R. Carnes** (96), Tyler

Jennifer Kay Richard and Josh Wesley Fulgham, Whitehouse

Amanda Frampton and Jeremy Dollar, Tyler

Traci Elaine Cochran and **Kent Andrew Poole** (92), Tyler

Rindi Rene Etheredge and Jared Michael Malone, Tyler

Cameron Renee Catlett and Jeremy Owens, Hawkins

Merry D. Tran and Charles Brent Veazey, Tyler

Lindsey Wisdom and Jason E. Marshall, Tyler

1999

Patricia Ann Bailey and Kioka Roy Jackson, Tyler

Courtney Renea Maldanado and **Chad Earl Spearman**, Tyler

Te'Khola VonDeShea Ballenger and Roderick Renard Robinson, Tyler

Kiwanis Tamesha Jones and Calvin DeWayne Coffer, Tyler

Mary Denise Bohannan and **Bentley Ray Steel, Jr.** Alba

Kimberly Denes Carter and **John W. Carter, III**, (95), Tyler

Deborah Ann Overton and **Christopher Brandon Smith** (97), Tyler

Angela R. Edmonds and **Jason T. Gregory** (95), Tyler

In Memoriam

1927

Marguerite Gresham Hughes, May 5, 1999, Athens

1936

Latifa Korkmas Peters, March 5, West Covina, CA

1939

Paul E. Watts, March 29, 1999, Tyler

1964

Jack T. "Steve Lundy" Foshee, April 27, 1999, Tyler

1965

Gary Sjerven, January 14, 1999, Kaufman

1968

Earla Catherine Cox, May 1, 1999, Tyler

Kenny Nix, January 18, 1999, Kilgore

1969

Thomas H. "Tom" Kelly, February 17, 1999, Tyler.

1972

Charles P. Peden, April 4, 1999, Tyler

1973

Karen Lipe, February 6, 1999, Rogersville, TN

1974

Gregory Sterling, April 30, 1999, Tyler

1976

Alice Geron Oliphant, February 6, 1999, Tyler

1978

Samuel "Sammy" Garcia, Jr. April 18, 1999, Garland

1977

Claudette Loper, May 24, 1999, Tyler

1978

Dorothy E. Albertson, May 29, 1999, Tyler

1979

Larkin Fayte Burkett, February 12, 1999, Tyler

1983

Nancy Ann Scott, February 8, 1999, Tyler

1985

Lana Kay White, April 24, 1999, Tyler

1998

Jeremy W. Hudson, January 10, 1999, Tyler

Jarrod Dee Odom, January 24, 1999, Brownsboro

TJC Family Memorials

Freddie R. Stevens, January 31, 1999, Tyler

Averille Osborn Greenhaw, April 21, 1999, New Braunfels

Martha Round, March 13, 1999, Tyler

Mickey Koonce, May 31, 1999, White Oak

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Back Page

by Pat Logan

Making Sense of the Past

Hook 'em Horns. I've been a tea-sipper for 50 years.

That's a partisan opening, and I apologize (to everyone except Aggies, of course.) Actually, what I want to talk about is reunions, those nostalgia-producing meetings of high schools and colleges. To me they are not just to visit with former classmates, not just to view the old school but for very real philosophical, or, if you prefer, psychological reasons. One needs to make a closing with the past, to round out the curve of life.

Some folks go several times to their class reunions. According to my children who have done this, every reunion is different.

I went to my high school 50th in 1995 and my college just this spring. I recall thinking about my high school reunion, "Gee, I like these people better than I did 50 years ago. They have matured so much." Actually it was several days before I thought, "You nitwit, it's probably YOU who has matured!"

You depart for these occasions with excitement and a wee bit of trepidation. You are glad to be going but in a way it's like it was on the first day of school in the first grade: a funny feeling in the pit of your stomach, anticipation that borders on anxiety.

You are wondering, "Will I know anyone?" "How will they have changed, how will they look?" And the most nervous questions of all: "Will anybody know ME?" Strangely, it comes as something of a shock when they look just as they used to, only older.

In both high school and college reunions, movers and shakers had provided us with a short profile on each person collected before the event. That helped a lot.

About 125 attended my college gathering at UT Austin from a class of almost 4,000. One thousand have died. In the class of '49 there were some famous persons, such as Tom Landry, Peppy Blount, now of Longview, Barefoot Sanders and Martha Cartwright. (Martha was the campus beauty that year—she still looks great.)

A highlight for me was the visit of the journalism majors to the huge Communications edifice. How different from the old journalism building and the *Daily Texas* office of 50 years ago. (The *Texan* is a hundred years old this year—and in all truth is a distinguished newspaper—and we got to see the first issue.)

We had just journalism, period. Programs in radio, television and film were yet to be born and advertising we had related to business.

As we walked through the crowd at the Alumni Center, it was fun to glimpse familiar faces in the crowd and then maneuver close enough to see their name tags. The campus has changed, the curriculum has changed, the concerns have changed, but I felt that same tingling sensation when we sang *The Eyes of Texas.*

I was glad to have gone to my high school reunion in 1995. When I think of it, I remember those school years I spent in that little town, and I recall many things, one of which is tinged in sadness. I have never written about this seemingly insignificant incident.

My grandmother wanted to come to my high school commencement, but in order to do that she had to ride the bus from Farmersville in North Texas to Hico in Central Texas. Grandfather, blind for years, declined to come but approved of her going. They didn't own a car.

Grandmother saved for some time and then had enough for the bus ticket. She laid her plans and she and my mother looked forward to it. Grandmother never went anywhere without taking food of some kind. (She never allowed anybody who had spent even one night beneath her roof to leave without taking food.) And she was ready to board the bus with some cooked chicken off the bone and a mason jar of chicken broth.

She would have been planning to make a sauce for the chicken loaf when she arrived at our house. Attempting to go up the steep bus steps, one of her bad hips gave way and she stumbled, dropping the jar, smashing it and spilling broth all over her clothes.

Reluctant to travel all the way in her broth-soaked dress and perhaps somewhat injured by the fall and discouraged about the trip, she returned to her house and did not come. She later wrote to my mother to explain and I recall the catch in my mother's voice and then her weeping.

I probably did not recognize in this event at the time and instance of "the tears that lie in mortal things." I was sorry she could not come but some living was necessary before I fully assimilated what I had experienced.

I saw Grandmother only one time more before she died and then I realized that she had not been well when she set off on that trip. I realized what it is so hard for youth to comprehend: she was old. Through the years the memory of the broken jar and the interrupted journey have returned often to touch a tender place of my being.

Somehow in her helplessness and defeated purpose, I sense the very epitome of pathos.

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